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SUBJ : DAUD REGIME TAKES STRONG STANCE ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT
REF : A) ANKARA 6231 B) GENEVA 4169
SUMMARY: I MET WITH SAMAD GHAS, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND UN AFFAIRS, MFA, ON AUGUST 4, IN THE OFFICE OF WAHID ABDULLAH
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. GHAS AND ABDULLAH ASSURED ME THAT
PRESIDENT DAUD STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT AND IS
PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION ON A WIDE FRONT. END SUMMARY.

1. SAMAD GHAS, REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT DAUD HAD REQUESTED AND
RECEIVED A FULL BRIEFING ON NARCOTICS PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED PRO-
GRAMS FROM GHAS. THE PRESIDENT GAVE WHOLEHEARTED APPROVAL FOR
THE PROPOSED ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT, TOLD GHAS TO GO AHEAD WITH
THE PLANS AND TO KEEP HIM PERSONALLY INFORMED. DAUD, ACCORDING
GHAS, IS AWARE THAT PROGRAM, TO BE SUCCESSFUL, MUST HAVE PUBLIC

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SA HORN WILL BE IN THE FIELD FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND SEVERAL
DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GET ON HIS FEET. FINALLY, WITHOUT OUT-
SIDE HELP. I AM ARRANGED FOR SAIC TERRY BURNETT TO GIVE ABDULLAH
FULL SUMMARY ON NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.
ABDULLAH SAID THAT DAUD WITH EVIDENCE SUCH AS THIS WAS PREPARED
TO BEIN TRA KROM THAT WOULD SERVE BOTH AS WARNING TO AFGHAN
CHIEF VARS AND AS PROOF TO WORLD OF AFGHANISTAN'S DETERMINATION
TO ENFORCE ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS. I ARRANGED WITH ABDULLAH THAT
UPON HIS RETURN, SA HORN WILL MEET WITH HIM TO FURTHER PURSUE
COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE.

2. GENEVA CONFERENCE: GRAUS MENTIONED THAT BOTH HE AND PRESIDENT
BELIEVE THAT GENEVA PROCESS SHOULD BE RESUMED, BUT GRAUS WAS
PERSONALLY OF OPINION THAT IT SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL
DECEMBER TO GIVE NEW GOVERNMENT TIME TO SOLIDIFY CONTROL AND
BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO DONOR INITIATIVES. IN THE
MEANTIME, GRAUS STATED THE UN COULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTEREST
OTHER DONORS IN TAKING PART. FYI: GRAUS IMPLIED SOME RESER-
VATION AS TO EFFECTIVENESS OF UN LEADERSHIP AND HOPES THAT SOME
WAY WOULD BE FOUND TO INSURE A STRONG HAND AT THE CONTROL. END
FYI.

3. COOPERATION WITHIN GOVERNMENT: GRAUS MENTIONED THAT ENTIRE
POLICE FORCE BEING REORGANIZED WITHIN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND
PERHAPS AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WOULD FOLLOW GERMAN ADVICE AND CON-
CENTRATE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THERE WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
RETAINING A POLY.

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4. I POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE TWO THINGS GOVERNMENT COULD
DO IMMEDIATELY AND ON ITS OWN, IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT'S DESIRE
TO TAKE STRONG INITIAL STEPS TO DEMONSTRATE DETERMINATION.
FIRST, GOVERNMENT COULD CRACK DOWN ON KNOWN VIOLATORS; BIG TRAF-
FICKERS WHO ARE POLITICALLY IMPORTANT AND ~~AMONG~~ AGAINST WHOM PREVIOUS
GOVERNMENT HAD FAILED TO ACT. IN ADDITION, INDIVIDUALS IN PRE-
VIOUS GOVERNMENT SOMETIMES LEAKED NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE TO
TRAFFICKERS AND THIS MUST BE STOPPED. SECOND, GOVERNMENT
COULD JOIN INTERPOL WHICH WOULD GREATLY ASSIST EFFORTS AT
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON DRUG ENFORCEMENT. GRAUS AGREED
WITH KAE THESE POINTS AND SAID WOULD BE SURE AND PASS THEM ON
TO PRESIDENT.

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